Minutes

Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Wednesday, May 18, 2022 – 4:00 PM
County Courthouse, Room 1273
721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Members Present: Brett Geboy, Allen Myren, Stella Pagonis, Connie Russell, and Gerald Wilkie.

Ex Officio Member Present: Nick Smiar.

Others Present: TRY Mediation Director Todd Johnson, Lieutenant Travis Holbrook, Captain Dave Riewestahl, Captain Cory Schalinske, Sheriff Ron Cramer, Administrative Services Division Manager Katrina Ranallo, Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court Susan Warner, and Eric Huse.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wilkie at 4:00 PM.

Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice

The Clerk confirmed the meeting was properly noticed to the public.

Public Comment

Brief introductions were made by all those present.

Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. Attendance is noted above.

Approval of Minutes from May 04, 2022 Meeting

Supervisor Pagonis moved to approve the minutes from the May 04, 2022 meeting. An error with the meeting time in the heading was noted and corrected to 4:00 PM. The minutes were adopted as corrected in the meeting materials via 5-0 voice vote.

Department Introductions and Presentations

• TRY Mediation

 Director Todd Johnson introduced his department, providing an overview of their role and responsibilities. Director Johnson noted that TRY Mediation is a community agency and not a County department though they receive support and funding from the County and provide regular reports to the Committee. The Committee engaged in general discussion.

• Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court

 Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court Susan Warner introduced her department and provided an overview and their role and responsibilities. The Committee engaged in general discussion.

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Ron Cramer introduced his department and provided an overview of their role and responsibilities. Administrative Services Division Manager Katrina Ranallo provided an overview of the Administrative Services Division, Captain Cory Schalinske provided an overview of the Field Services Division, and Captain Dave Riewestahl provided an overview of the Security Services Division. The Committee engaged in general discussion.

American Rescue Plan Fund Proposals

Sheriff's Office

 Captain Dave Riewestahl provided an explanation of the request that was distributed in the meeting materials. The Committee engaged in general discussion.

- Chairperson Wilkie moved to recommend funding the "Infrastructure Option 1: Remodel Booking Area" proposal to the County Administrator and Committee on Administration. Chairperson Wilkie called or a roll call vote: GEBOY aye; MYREN aye; PAGONIS aye; WILKIE aye; RUSSELL aye. Motion passed 5-0.
- Supervisor Myren moved to recommend funding the "Premium Pay for Essential Workers" proposal to the County Administrator and Committee on Administration. Chairperson Wilkie called or a roll call vote: GEBOY aye; MYREN aye; PAGONIS aye; WILKIE aye; RUSSELL aye. Motion passed 5-0.

• District Attorney's Office

- Operations Manager Eric Huse provided an explanation of the request that was distributed in the meeting materials. The Committee engaged in general discussion.
- Supervisor Russell moved to recommend funding the District Attorney's proposal for two FTE prosecutors for 3 years to the County Administrator and Committee on Administration. Chairperson Wilkie called or a roll call vote: GEBOY aye; MYREN aye; PAGONIS aye; WILKIE aye; RUSSELL aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Future Meeting Dates

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

Future Agenda Items

- Criminal Justice Services department introduction and presentation
- 1st quarter department fiscal update
- Marsy's Law overview
- System of Care overview
- Midway House update
- Sheriff's Office
 - Jail population, staffing, & COVID-19 response
 - Update on DHS Investigation
 - Communications network / Digital radios
 - Protective status for correctional officers
- Policies/procedures for proper execution of search warrants
- Policies/procedures for officer involved critical incidents
- Committee oversight duties and responsibilities review

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Wilkie at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Huse

Committee Clerk

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